

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COMMISSION DIRECTIVE**

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER	<input type="checkbox"/>	DATE	<u>February 09, 2022</u>
MOTOR CARRIER MATTER	<input type="checkbox"/>	DOCKET NO.	<u>2019-290-WS</u>
UTILITIES MATTER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ORDER NO.	<u>2022-114</u>

THIS DIRECTIVE SHALL SERVE AS THE COMMISSION'S ORDER ON THIS ISSUE.

Order Establishing Hearings on Stipulation; Requesting Motion on Rates Under Bond Deferral; and Other Matters

SUBJECT:

[DOCKET NO. 2019-290-WS](#) - Application of Blue Granite Water Company for Approval of Adjustment in Rates – Staff Presents for Commission Consideration the Joint Motion to Enter Verified Stipulation Testimony and Exhibits Into Record, Filed on Behalf of the Office of Regulatory Staff, Blue Granite Water Company, South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs, and Forty Love Point Homeowners' Association.

COMMISSION ACTION:

I move that the Commission set the matters in the proposed Stipulation Agreement in this Docket for hearing, including the scheduling by the Chief Clerk of the Commission of a customer public hearing first that would incur before the Stipulation Hearing to receive testimony from affected ratepayers related to the proposed Stipulation Agreement. The corresponding customer notice shall be prepared by the Chief Clerk and notify the affected ratepayers (customers) of the date, time and place and how to participate virtually and register in advance for this customer public hearing to receive an assigned time to testify, as well as provide information on the impact from the proposed settlement to customer rates as provided by the filed Verified Testimony and Exhibits of Dante DeStefano in support of the proposed Stipulation of Agreement. The customer notice shall also provide information to the ratepayers about the date, time and place of the Settlement Hearing on the proposed Stipulation Agreement and hearing on the Motion asking for action on the Rates-Under-Bond Deferral (Motion). The customer notice prepared by the Chief Clerk based on the information provided and filed by the company shall be sent by Blue Granite Water Company (BGWC) to all customers by way customer billing or bill insert and BGWC shall post the notice on its company's website and on other media outlets and formats used by the Company to disseminate information to its customers.

I further move that the Commission instruct the Chief Clerk to issue the hearing notices for both the customer public hearing and the merits hearing on the proposed Stipulation Agreement and Motion and to set the procedural schedule. Additionally, I move that the Commission also instruct the Chief Clerk and General Counsel for the Commission to schedule a status conference as soon as possible with the parties so as to set the procedural schedule and issue the hearing notices.

I further move that the Commission requests that BGWC proceed to file the Motion asking for action on the Rates-Under-Bond Deferral as soon as possible but not later than fifteen (15)

days from the date of this Directive rather than waiting until a later date. BGWC must include specific information on the impact on customer rates from their request for action on the Rates-Under-Bond-Deferral which shall be part of the Customer Notice prepared by the Chief Clerk and sent to customers of Blue Granite by billing or bill insert.

I also move that the Joint Motion to Enter Verified Stipulation Testimony and Exhibits into the record be held in abeyance at this time, until further action by the Commission.

PRESIDING: J. Williams

SESSION: Regular

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

	MOTION	YES	NO	OTHER	
BELSER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Voting via WebEx
CASTON	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Recused</u>	Recused
ERVIN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Voting via WebEx
POWERS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Present in Hearing Room
THOMAS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Voting via WebEx
C. WILLIAMS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Present in Hearing Room
J. WILLIAMS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Present in Hearing Room

(SEAL)

RECORDED BY: J. Schmieding

